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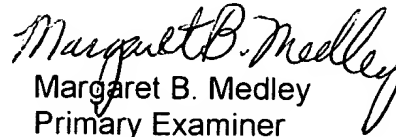
The reply filed on October 11, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have failed to address the 102 (b) rejection of claim 1, 4-9, 13-18 and 21-29 over Jarvis et al (Jarvis 5,679,117 that is set forth in paragraph 3 at page 4 of Paper No. 17 dated June 4, 2002. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Margaret B. Medley whose telephone number is 703-308-2518. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Friday from 7:30 am to 6:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan, can be reached on (703) 306-2777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9310.

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